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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants request that the art cited in the annexed form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

It is noted that the identified application claims priority of EPO application 97104740.2 filed March 20, 1997. All references cited herein are from the European Search Report dated July 25, 1997 conducted in the EPO application.

Respectfully submitted,

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